



Match Report

Opponent: Ohio State University

Date: 30 Sep 06

B Match: Navy 43 OSU 10
A Match: Navy 27 OSU 9

B Match

The first points of the match would not occur until 20 minutes after the opening kick off. Navy's fullback Rob Miller successfully executed a penalty kick to give Navy a 3-0 lead. Eight minutes later, following a stolen lineout by the Navy jumpers, the Navy backs made a run at the Ohio State try zone. Ron Neal, #11, scored his first try of the day. The conversion was made by Miller to move the score line to 10-0 Navy. Ohio State responded by taking advantage of a Navy penalty in the 32nd minute with a successfully penalty kick. Navy pressed their advantage during the 36th minute when #8 Kevin Mott picked the ball up from a Navy ruck and raced down the right side of the field for another Navy try. Miller extended his streak of perfect kicks with the conversion and Navy left the half leading Ohio State 17-3.

Ten minutes into the second half, Navy forwards exhibited a strong phase attack before the ball was distributed to inside center, Neal. Neal, after some dandy maneuvers

and several broken tackles, was able to dive into the try zone for his second try of the day. The point after was missed by #15 Adam Young. In the 65th minute winger Nate Warthen capped off a long run by hooker Clayton Sears for another Navy try. Young converted, 29-3 Navy. Keeping the ball in Ohio State territory and maintaining possession after the kick, allowed Navy to continue applying pressure on the tiring Ohio State defense. Three minutes after the try by Warthen, #4 Chris Montgomery found the try zone following a long run by Mott. Young successfully kicked the conversion. In the 72nd minute, fluid ball movement set up another try for Warthen on the far left side of the pitch. Again, Young was able to put the ball between the uprights for the conversion. Ohio State ended its scoring drought with 6 minutes left to play, when the Ohio State backs penetrated the Navy defensive line to score their single try on the day. As time expired, the final score indicated a Navy victory, 43-10.

A Match

Five minutes into the contest, Ohio State struck first after taking advantage of a Navy penalty and kicked for points from 30 meters. Navy was quick to respond only a minute later after an Ohio State knock-on. On the third phase of a drive into Ohio State territory, #9 Kevin Dewey deposited the ball to the Navy backs. Navy winger Adam Niznik received the ball and dotted it down on the far left side in-goal. #11 Chase Hobby's conversion attempt was unsuccessful. The next score would come in the 16th minute of the match, when Ohio State again kicked for points from just outside the 22-meter line. After multiple well-placed kicks by #10 Graham Cleveland and winger Hobby, Navy was once again threatening the Ohio State try zone. Twenty-six minutes into the match, Navy was whistled for a knock-on within ten meters of the Ohio State try zone. In the ensuing scrum to Ohio State, the Navy forwards overpowered their opposition and left the ball uncovered for Dewey, who made a great pass in the face of the defense to the flyhalf Cleveland, who needed only a short dash to the try line. Ten minutes later, Ohio State penetrated into Navy territory. After three consecutive Navy penalties, Ohio State successfully kicked for points. #11 Hobby took advantage of an Ohio State penalty for chatter and kicked the ball past the Ohio State 22-meter

line. In the closing minutes of the half, the Navy forwards drove the ball to the brink of the Ohio State in-goal but failed to extend their lead. After 40 minutes, Navy led the contest 10-9.

The second half began with a OSU hands-in-the-ruck penalty. Navy took advantage of the situation with a Blake Lindsay try 3 minutes into the second half. The conversion failed, and the score stood Navy 15, OSU 9. At 58 minutes into the match, Chase Hobby missed a kick for points. With sixteen minutes left in the match Ohio State turned the ball over with a forward pass, which navy soon capitalized on when #12 Jordan Fogler ran in for a try. The conversion again failed, but Navy still led 20 to 9. With seven minutes left, team captain Blake Lindsay scored again, and this time Hobby converted the kick. The final score was 27-9.